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MAKE IT A DAY OF WORKING CLASS MILITANCY

These Mine Women Are Examples of Militancy

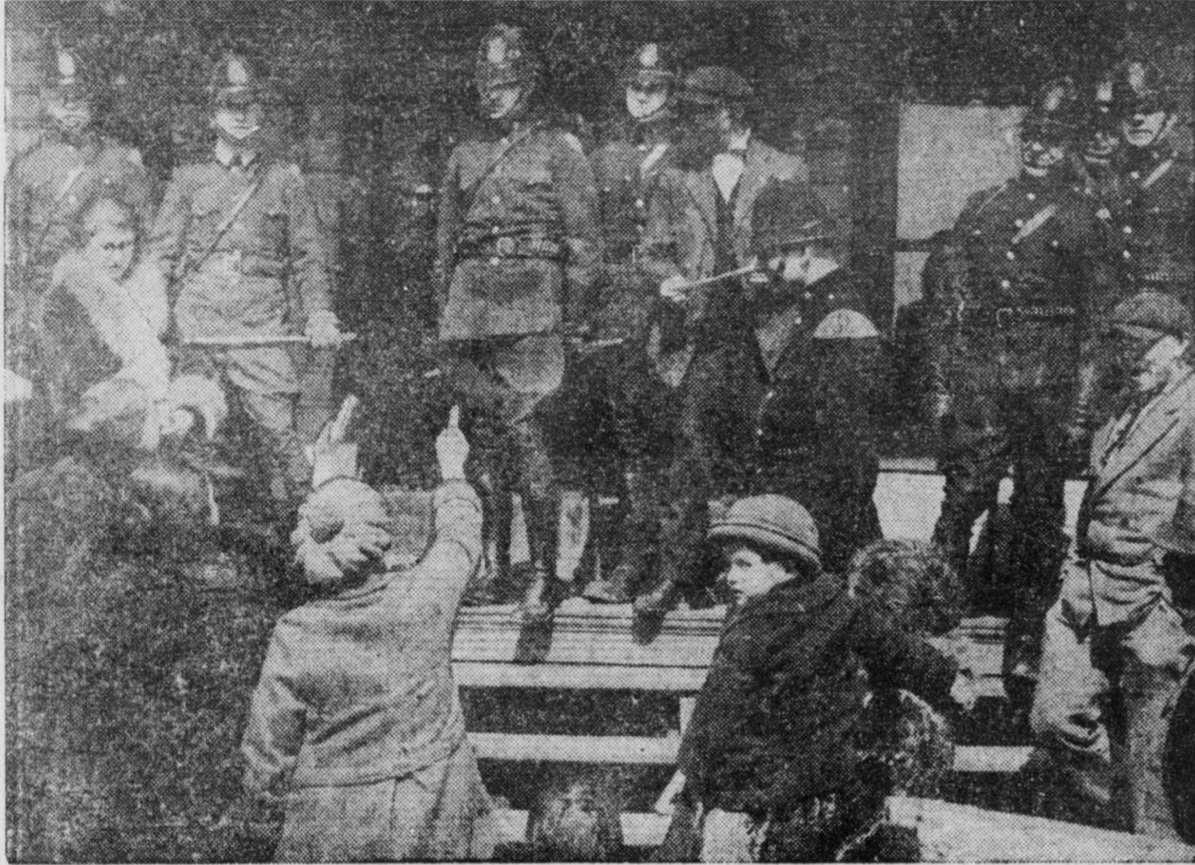
By JAY LOVESTONE.

It is now nearly forty-five years that May Day was first celebrated as a proletarian holiday. Few realize that May Day was first proclaimed as a day of working class solidarity and demands in the United States. "Down Tools on May Day" is a slogan genuinely made in America.

These forty-odd years have seen fundamental changes in American economy, in class relations in the United States. There is no need of going over details in retrospect. In 1884 when a Baltimore local of the Knights of Labor selected May First as the day on which to launch a fight for the eight hour day, the United States was only laying the economic basis for its entry into world politics as a first class imperialist power. There was then no conscious revolutionary movement among the workers in the United States. All revolutionary consciousness was limited primarily to a handful of German immigrants.

In fact, even our very working class was then only in its first stages of national crystallization. Free land was beginning to disappear. The trusts were first showing their ugly heads. But already there were sufficiently sharp and gigantic class struggles in which the proletariat distinguished itself admirably. These early struggles, like the railway strike of 1877, clearly showed that there was developing in the United States a working class heroic and capable enough to fight successfully not only for the every day immediate interests but also for the complete proletarian victory, for the overthrow of capitalism for the establishment of the socialist order and Communism.

Today, we live in the land of the mightiest and most ruthless imperialist power—the home of Wall Street. Free land is gone. The finance and industrial monopoly capitalists wield undisputed power. We have the biggest working class in the world. Numerically the American proletariat is the greatest. Class lines are now definitely crystallized. The Negro is being driven into the industrial center. The



State troopers under orders of Sheriff Robert H. Braun, broke up a meeting of the Save-the-Union Committee called in Library recently. After the men had been dispersed the women stood before the hall jeering the operator-controlled police. Hundreds of women are daily marching in the picket lines in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and in other districts in which the strike is waging.

farmer is being expropriated at an accelerating tempo. Proletarianization goes on apace. The working class already has a conscious national revolutionary party. This is the Workers (Communist) Party. Our party is not yet a mass party but it is growing steadily as the real vanguard of the proletariat through vigorous participation in the struggles of the working class.

1928 is a pivotal year for the American working class. It is the year of the most profound crisis in

the American labor movement. The much vaunted property bubble has been punctured. Today, less than one out of every ten "gainfully employed," inclusive of capitalists, technicians, and the most highly skilled, have an annual income of \$2000 or more. At least four million are unemployed. The very basis for the continued domination of the labor movement by the skilled crafts is being undermined. Our ruling class is driving headlong towards a new imperialist war. And

the Communists are not only serving as the revolutionary propagandists and agitators but are more and more beginning to serve as the actual organizers of the labor movement. The socialist party leadership has not only merged completely with the reactionary trade union bureaucracy, but at its recent convention the socialist party, as a party, severed itself from all ties with the revolutionary, with the conscious, militant forces in the working class.

As Communists we examine the past only with a view of drawing inspiration and determination for the present and for the future.

First and foremost we must rally to the miners. We must mobilize every section of the whole labor movement, draw in every mill and factory, bring over to our side every exploited farmer for the miners' fight. Every worker must consider himself or herself dutybound to serve as an organizer and fighter in the mine strike. This strike is the most important labor battle in the history of the country. Relief for miners, tents for coal diggers, fighting against injunctions, beating back the open shop drive, cleaning out the corrupt Lewis machine—these tasks must be indelibly impressed on the minds of all the workers this May Day.

Let no one overlook the brave textile strikers of New Bedford. The textile workers have always been in the front ranks resisting wage cuts. Every frontal drive that has to date been launched against the wage standards of the working class as a whole has been opened with a wage cut for the textile workers. May First finds the textile industry face to face with a strike wave. The textile workers' fight is the fight of all of us.

In the needle trades, the left wing has led thousands of workers for many months in an inspiring fight to save the union from the reactionary socialist trade union bureaucracy which has been in league with the garment bosses to reestablish open sweat shops in the industry. A struggle of paramount significance for the entire labor movement is being fought in its last rounds in the needle trades. May First is a most fitting day to help the left wing deal knockout blows to Sigman, McGrady, Woll, Schlessinger, Thomas, Hillquit and Co.

We must keep in mind the fact that this whole offensive against the labor movement is part of the general preparations of our bourgeoisie to crush the workers so as to make it easier for the Yankee imperialists to plunge the country into a new war for American democracy. The war danger is a real menace. It is no phantom danger. Look at Nicaragua. Notice the arrogant hostility of the Coolidge government to the Soviet Union. The greatest resistance by our workers is not too great to remove the war danger. May First must be a day of international working class solidarity and unity—American working class solidarity with our victorious brothers in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, with the courageous proletarian fighters in Germany, France, England, China, Italy and Latin America.

We Must Carry the Fight.

It's up to the Communists to make May First not only a workers' holiday, not only a day for demonstrating working class solidarity, but especially in 1928, a day for proletarian fighting.

No formalities, illusions, fetishes, threadbare regulations, threats and violence of the enemies of the workers, within or outside the labor movement, will thwart us. While the corrupt trade union leaders talk about democracy, the Communists must lead the fight for democracy in the unions. While the reactionary trade union bureaucrats are attempting to hide their wanton destruction of the trade union movement by frantically yelling at us "splitters," we must work overtime to save the unions from these criminal misleaders of the workers and their open shop bosses.

Let us remind the bureaucracy, republican, democrat, socialist, non-partisan, and what not, that they are the worst enemies of unity in the ranks of the working class. It is these high-priced labor leaders that are basically responsible for the important, bankrupt condition of our labor movement. We can proudly tell the workers that the only country in the world where the working class is completely united, where the trade unions flourish, where there is genuine democracy for the working class and poor farmers, is the Soviet Union, where Communist policies

Much Jailed Militant



Pat Toohy, secretary of the National Save-the-Union Committee, which is leading the miners the out the country in the great fight against the coal barons and the corrupt Lewis machine.

are being applied, where our party is at the helm.

Last but not least, let May Day be a day on which the workers begin energetic preparations for presidential elections. One vote for the Communist Party ticket worth more than a thousand votes for the so-called socialist ticket even from the viewpoint of the protest against capitalist class rule. There can be no more wasteful for a worker to vote than by casting his ballot for the republican

democrat or socialist ticket. Let those who want a genuine labor party rally to the Workers (Communist) Party in the coming elections, for we are the only party that is fighting for a labor party. The National Nomination Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party will clearly show to the working class of this country that our party is the only party worthy of working class support.

Join the Workers (Communist) Party.

The best way to make May Day, 1928, a day of working class militancy is to join the Workers (Communist) Party whose members are in the front line of every struggle of the miners, textile workers, needle trades workers, shoe workers and the working men and working women of every other craft and industry and the farm. The republican governors have sent troops to crush the striking miners. Democratic judges have hurled injunctions at the workers. Socialist party bureaucrats have sold out the workers and resorted to the worst forms of gangsterism and terrorism in order to smash the workers' ranks. At the same time the Workers (Communist) Party members are leading the mass struggles of the miners, textile workers, needle trades, and are fighting against the imperialist war on Nicaragua.

Every worker who wants to fight the capitalists and their labor agents in our ranks is eligible to join our Party. Every worker should read and support the Daily Worker—the one paper which courageously and consistently serves the working masses in their smallest, as well as their biggest, struggles.

Let this May Day usher in a period of clear thinking and proletarian action.

Into the ranks of our Party—the American section of the Communist International for the immediate struggles and for the final overthrow of the whole capitalist system, the establishment of the proletarian dictatorship and of Communism.

May Day, 1928, Sees Rise of New Spirit of Militancy in American Labor Movement

By WM. Z. FOSTER.

May Day, 1928, shows many manifestations of a new spirit of revolt in the ranks of the working class. The workers in ever greater masses are throwing off the lethargy which has characterized them for several years past and are beginning to enter more and more into conflict with the employers. May Day of this year marks the transition of the working class from the period of deepest quietude in its history into one of growing discontent and struggle.

From 1917 to 1927, with the exception of short intervals, the United States experienced an industrial activity and expansion altogether without parallel in any country.

This translated itself into an exceptional prosperity for the workers: that is, relatively steady employment and comparatively high wages levels, especially for the more skilled sections of the workers. Results, a weakening of their determination to build strong organizations and to struggle; a slackening in the development of class consciousness; and a spreading of illusions, carefully cultivated by the trade union leaders and other agents of American imperialism, that capitalism offers to the workers the means to systematically better their conditions without limit. Reformists of all shades held that the era of class struggle was over in the United States and that this country was on the road to the development, on

the basis of class collaboration, of a progressively developing prosperity for the workers.

The Fading Picture.

But now this idyllic picture has received a shattering blow. It has been destroyed by the present weakening of American industry. Over 4,000,000 workers walk the streets unemployed; many other millions work short time. Attacks are being delivered on all sides by the employers against the wages, hours, working conditions and organizations of the workers. American imperialism is forced to expose its Achilles heel. Despite its great strength it cannot keep employed the masses of workers; in the face of realities its glowing promises of prosperity fade away.

Instead it gives them a diet of unemployment, wage cuts, and generally worsening conditions on every front.

The great masses of the workers, whom American imperialism hoped to lull and terrorize into submission, begin to stir, to organize, and to resist under the heavy economic pressure to which they are subjected. This is the outstanding characteristic of the present situation. It is an era of growing class consciousness, of expanding class struggles, of greater difficulties, because of its insoluble contradictions, these tendencies of the workers towards radicalization and more intensive and extensive struggle will be deepened and broadened.

Many signs are at hand of this new spirit of struggle among the workers. The bitterly fought strikes of the miners and the determined movement to oust the Lewis gang; the big New Bedford strike of textile workers; the Haverhill shoe strike; and the tenacious fight of the rank and file in the needle trades, are symptoms of the growing resistance in the working class. These fights, as yet confined to organized or partly organized industries, will soon be followed by vast movements among the unorganized workers. As yet the struggles are confused and disconnected, but their inevitable tendency, under the pressure of the employers and the state, will be, despite temporary revivals of industry, to develop into a broad-

er and broader base and to take on higher political forms.

To conduct their fight in this era of growing struggle, the workers possess only the most fragmentary mass organization, and this is led by the most reactionary and treacherous officialdom in the world. No labor party and pitifully weak trade unions. Often the unions, obsolete in form, encompassing only a small fraction of the workers, in the hands of hopelessly corrupt leaders, and collapsing in the face of the employers' attacks, are more of a hindrance than a help to the workers in their efforts to develop, re-organize against the bosses. Significant of the new spirit of struggle among the workers is their determined efforts in the mining indus-

try, Haverhill, New Bedford, etc., to force the existing unions to function in their behalf in spite of the reactionary leaders. This symptom of the deep-going revolt now developing in the unions which the proletariat in supplementing the present weak unions and corrupt leaders with powerful unions and militant leadership.

The present situation, with the growing spirit of revolt among the workers, with the weakness of the mass organizations and the corrupt leadership, throws tremendous tasks upon our Party. We have the main tasks in building up the mass political and economic organizations of the workers and of leading them in the everyday struggle. The organizations of the great unorganized

masses, the breaking of the power of the A. F. of L. leadership, the building of the Labor Party, the political education of the masses to their true class interest, are vast immediate tasks. But our Party and the left wing must plunge into them with greater energy than ever.

Our forces are small and our tasks are great. But our Party can live and grow in the struggle. The present situation, with its perspective of growing struggle, is highly favorable for us. May Day year presents to us unequalled opportunities for leadership in the battles for the workers, for laying the basis of an eventual big mass Communist Party. We must mobilize our forces and plunge into the struggle as never before.

Railroads in Fight on Government Barges

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Railroads are maintaining a lobby to oppose the government operation of freight barges on the Mississippi and Warrior Rivers. The barges are controlled by the Inland Waterways Corp., a federal board. "Unfair competition" is charged by the railroads, whose profits have been cut by the government barges.

Fascists Send Police Against Poor Peasants

VIENNA, April 30.—Unable to pay their taxes, the ruined peasants of Trentino and Nonstale in the German speaking sections of the Italian Alps have been "visited" by fascist carabinieri, who have used fascist means in putting down the unrest among the poverty stricken peasants.

To Fight Segregation

MONTCLAIR, N. J., April 30.—Negroes of this city have formed a committee to protest the aiding by city officials of racial segregation in theaters here. Negroes who refuse to sit in poor seats in separate sections of theaters are being arrested for "disorderly conduct."

Locating Position of the Communist Party on May 1, 1928

Cotton Bosses Holding Confab; May Cut Wages

By JOHN PEPPER

It is difficult to navigate in the deep and stormy waters of politics. Waves of events follow one upon another. Winds suddenly change their direction. It is easy for a Communist Party to get lost, if it does not use instruments of orientation, if from time to time it does not carefully locate its position.

What is our exact position at the present stage of development? We must localize our position, if we want to avoid two dangers: One is the danger of missing opportunities; the other the assumption of tasks beyond our strength.

There are two extreme mistakes committed by our comrades in the estimation of the present position of our Party. One is to see only the strength and power of American imperialism, forgetting all its weaknesses, complications, and contradictions; the other, to see only our own revolutionary goals, to get drunk from our own enthusiasm, and forget the enemy, which is the most powerful imperialism in the world and still on its upward grade. Both of these erroneous locations of our position lead to erroneous navigation. The first leads to the conclusion that there is no place at present for a Communist Party in America in a political sense, that it has to go back to the stove of

a mere propaganda society. The second leads to policies calling for premature actions, and tends to disconnect us from the masses of the working class. The first would transform us into mere observers and commentators of the class struggle instead of active participants and leaders of the mass struggles of the working class. The second would lead us to adventurously "putschism," and it might lead us to unrestrained opportunism, such as participating in any kind of mass action, appealing to any sort of masses, merging ourselves completely with the masses.

Ideology and Leadership Crystallized

What is our exact position today? The Communist Party of America has already passed through the stage of a mere propaganda society and the forming of the first Communist cadres. Nine years of struggles have not passed into history in vain. The struggles against the socialist party, the trade-union bureaucracy, and the I.W.W., and the inner-Party fights on basic issues of the American labor movement have helped in crystallizing the Communist ideology and the leadership of our Party. There was much useless factionalism in the history of the American party, but it would be a very shallow interpretation of the history of the Party, if one did not recognize the political

and ideological significance and usefulness of those inner-party discussions which helped to clarify fundamental issues.

Not a Revolutionary Situation.

This is one fixed point of our orientation. The other fixed point is the following: There is no revolutionary situation as yet in the United States. American capitalism is not yet facing its decline in the same sense that British imperialism is in its basic crisis. There must be no misunderstanding or uncertainty on this point. But it is not enough to state that. We must be more accurate in locating our position. We must clearly face the fact that we are not yet a mass party in the sense as the Communist Party of Germany or of Czechoslovakia or of France is a mass party. The basic task of the Communist Parties of Germany, France, or Czechoslovakia is to fight for the masses of the majority of the working class. The Communist Party of America has not yet reached this stage of its development. Our task today is still more moderate, more limited. Our task today is to entrench ourselves in the masses, to get a foothold in all those sections of the masses which are stirred up by the present depression and by those partial crises which manifest themselves in certain sections of the economic life of this country. The

workers in the needle trades, in the textile mills, and in the mining fields are engaged in a desperate, defensive struggle, and it is the basic task of the Communist Party of America to participate in these struggles, to be the organizing and driving force in the struggles of these sections of the working class.

Must Not Forget Basic Struggle.

We are not a mere propaganda society. But that does not mean that we should neglect Communist propaganda. At times a tendency manifests itself in our ranks to restrict ourselves too much to agitation for immediate demands, to too "practical," to fight only for wages and hours, and to forget our basic struggle against capitalism and for a Communist society. On the other hand, our comrades often complain about "too many campaigns," and ask the question: "Is our Party strong enough to throw all its forces into the mining, textile, and needle trades' campaigns?" There is in some sections of our Party a certain skeptical attitude towards the question of organizing the vast millions of unorganized. There is sometimes a too stationary attitude of certain sections of our Party, comparing the numerical weakness of the Party with the bigness of the country and the millions of the working class. But we should never forget the power which lies in an ac-

tive, conscious minority. We should not forget that we are a part of the powerful international movement of Communism and that even the mighty American imperialism has its contradictions and difficulties, and already manifests certain signs of decline (export of capital, undermining of the home market, rapid increase of the rentier class).

The correct location of our position on May 1, 1928, gives us a firm course for our future navigation, for our policies, and for our basic problems.

There will be no national Labor Party in 1928, but our Communist election propaganda must concentrate on the Labor Party issue.

The decrease and diminishing significance of the existing trade unions should not lead us to reverse our Labor Party policy. Our basic conception remains: the Labor Party must be based on the trade unions and other labor organizations; but we should add the following: We should directly approach the unorganized workers in the factories; we should try to create a second basis for a Labor Party in the form of factory committees and shop councils.

Must Organize Unorganized.

The main emphasis must be on the organization of the unorganized. It is the historic task of the Communist Party to organize the unor-

ganized. But that does not mean that we should abandon to the bureaucracy the three millions of unorganized workers. A powerful left wing must be formed and must serve as an auxiliary instrument in carrying out the task of the organization of the unorganized.

Mass work should not be placed in contraposition to Party work. The Party is our weapon. Extensive mass work will not lead to any revolutionary goal, if we neglect intensive Party building.

Not less but more Communist propaganda for our final goal should be the slogan of the day.

The Communist Party of America finds itself in a difficult position. It is passing through a period of transition. It is out of the stage of a mere propaganda society, and it is not yet in the stage of struggle for the conquest of the majority of the working class. In a period of transition it is easier to commit mistakes than to shape correct policies. But correct policies are never more necessary than in such a period. And we shall find the true course for our navigation, if we use our three main instruments to locate our position and to determine our direction: the Leninist method, the concrete analysis of conditions in this country, and the complete unity and unanimity of the Party.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 30.—Cotton manufacturers from all parts of the country are assembled here for the convention of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.

Plans for the lowering of production costs are being discussed. It is believed that a drive to lower wages will start nationally after the close of the conference.

Deny Citizenship to Worker; Opposed War

WENATCHEE, Wis., April 30.—Application for Leslie P. Dunning for American citizenship has been "dismissed without prejudice" by a federal examiner here because Dunning was a conscientious objector during the world war. Dunning was born in Canada.

Jail Sick Communist

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, April 30.—A report is being circulated here that the Communist Deputy Steiner, who was sentenced eight months in prison for a speech, has been seized and taken to jail although he is seriously sick. This has been done, it is pointed out, with the obvious connivance of the Chamber of Deputies.

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The policies advocated by our relief committee have helped fundamentally in broadening this strike. Every dollar ever sent us was INVESTED IN VICTORY FOR THE MINERS. But still more miners must strike if coal production is to stop, if the open shoppers are to be whipped. The 250,000 striking today must be turned into 500,000 tomorrow.

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Children are naked and ill. Mothers have no physician's attention while giving birth to children. And hunger everywhere.

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(This advertisement has been paid for by a number of workers with the hope that all who read it will respond very generously.)

Read the Strike News

Miners Look to you for QUICK AID

On April 16, thousands of non-union coal diggers left the mines, determined not to return until they had joined the ranks of organized labor. "We want to look the world in the face as union men," they said.

Five hundred miners walked out of the Delmont mine in White Valley in a body one morning, closing it down completely.

Militant young coal diggers staged a memorable march upon the Export mine of the Westmoreland Coal company. Mounted state troopers, who were called by the operators, swooped down upon the picket line, slugging men, women and children. Three are still in the hospital.

But the militant pickets appeared at the mine again that night, and the following morning. More tear gas bombs, more beatings! But the mine was forced to close down; the operators then tried to trick the strikers by calling them to a meeting to talk over terms. Not a man appeared. "We want to build a strong union fist. We'll spread the strike until you are forced to sign one agreement for every miner in the country!" they declared. These courageous miners are threatened with momentary eviction. Unless tents are furnished, they will be thrown out into the fields, into the roads, into the rain which had drenched Western Pennsylvania for the past weeks.

Fifty-nine pickets who were arrested one morning refused to pay the fines imposed by company controlled judges. They stayed in jail until the sheriff was forced to release them from the overcrowded pen on their own recognizance. They are appealing to a higher court.

Funds are required for the legal expenses—for their freedom!

Scab Mines Closing Down.

Scab mines are closing down. Encouraged by the spread of the strike in the non-union fields, strikers of western Pennsylvania and Ohio who have not worked for more than thirteen months have renewed mass picketing with unprecedented enthusiasm. Thousands of strikebreakers are heeding their call.

At the same time famine spreading through the strike fields. It is literally a life and death struggle!

Babies are born in the mine camps every day. But—no clothing, no soap, no disinfectant; no milk such as you would want to feed YOUR baby.

Your Money Will Save Lives!

Doctors refuse to attend confinement cases unless they are paid in advance.

Every day for the past month state troopers near Meadowslands, Pa., have been bombarding women pickets with tear gas bombs. But the women are back on the line again the next day.

Giving dollars, no matter how few you have, is better than breathing tear gas.

Must Do Your Share!

Ten thousand striking miners are facing eviction. Rillton, Braznell, Escro, White Valley, Curtis, Houston, Lynn. These are the names of some of the towns in which eviction notices were served upon striking miners. The miners are unarmed.

But they and their families must be sheltered!

Hundreds of strikers everywhere—in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia—are being thrown in jail. Two fourteen-year-old girls in New Kensington are serving eighteen months for marching on the picket line.

Children in White Valley conducted a school strike because their janitor was fired for being connected with the strikers. Their school pickets are helping their parents at the mines, fighting at their side.

There is a part for all to play in the fight. Strike your blow for victory!

SMALLPOX, the dread disease that has wiped out whole communities, is spreading among the striking miners. The coal operators are doing nothing. Who will buy vaccine and pay for doctors!

One miner, penniless, sles worn through, walked for miles through the valley spreading the strikercall until his feet bled. Shall there be shoes for such men.

The unorganized miners are making a desperate attempt to organize. In West Virginia the Constant mine is closed down one hundred per cent. The Cressops mine is closed down one hundred per cent. Echopoint mine is closed down one hundred per cent. Elm Grove number one, ninety per cent out. Tridelpia, number one and two, are closed down seventy-five per cent. Everywhere the strike is spreading. Here 1,700 unorganized miners have joined the strike.

In Elm Grove a dozen families have already been evicted and thirteen hundred more have received eviction notices. They may be evicted shortly.

Mass Terror.

Arrests and clubbings find the miners unafraid. Since April 16, 158 strikers have been arrested in Ohio. In St. Clairsville alone, 77 men and women were arrested in one day.

In Pennsylvania more than 175 pickets and organizers were arrested during the same period of time. Yet the strikers are standing their ground.

Fifteen mines in the Kish Valley are closed down one hundred per cent. But the company-owned newspaper reported that the strike was only "half-hearted." Four hundred "down-hearted" striking miners, their wives and children, walked ten miles in a teeming rain from Vandegrift to the Truxhall mine—the only mine in the valley still in operation.

Company guards, and the entire staff of superintendents were waiting at the gate, threatening arrests, broken heads, gas bombs. But the men broke through the line.

Even the conservative newspaper here is forced to admit that 4,500 miners are striking in this little valley.

Shall we stand by the miners who are fighting desperately for a union and a living wage! Shall we allow the coal operators to starve them into submission.

Rush your donation to the National Coal Miners Relief Committee so that we can send food and tents to the gallant fighters!

The Isabella mine in Fayette county is closed down; so is the Thompson number one and the Thompson number two nearby as well as the Chartiers mine in Greene county, the Pitt Gas mine, the Horner, Clarksville. The coal diggers walked out one hundred per cent. Seven hundred men left the Slickville mine after strikers from adjacent mines braved tear gas bombs, armed police, and clubbings from state troopers.

Twenty thousand unorganized miners answered the call of their brothers in union fields. The strike is spreading. Miners are pouring out of the non-union mines daily. Help make their strike a success! Feed their wives and children! Furnish tents! Rush your donation to the National Miners' Relief Committee! Help build the American labor movement! The strike must be won!

ORGANIZE RELIEF COMMITTEES

Is there a Miners' Relief Committee in your city? In your union? In your fraternal lodge? In your neighborhood? In your shop?

If not, THEN ORGANIZE! Affiliate it with the National Miners' Relief Committee. Write to us for information and instructions!



Strike Illustration by Ellis



Clubbing Illustration by Ellis



Relief Distribution Illustration by Ellis

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STRIKERS' WIVES FORCED TO FIGHT OFF MAN IN JAIL

Bodies Bruised On Iron Cell Floor

(By a Worker Correspondent)

LANSING, Ohio, (By Mail.)—The Lansing, Ohio, women who were tricked into jail by the authorities were released today. Each had a story of cruelty and suffering that they had endured in the cramped conditions of the county jail.

The jail, originally meant to accommodate about thirty-five persons, housed over sixty women. Sleeping on the hard iron floor of the jail, the women were bruised and sore. Some of them still have red marks on their bodies from the rivets of the iron floor.

They told also of the attempted attack by Deputy Sheriff Furber, who, under the influence of liquor, opened the doors into the women's quarters and centered his attentions on one of the young women. The timely arrival of the jailer, who was aided by some of the other women in the place, kept him from any violence. He was hurried out of the women's quarters.

This incident should give the working people of the entire world an idea of how law and justice is administered in the courts and prisons of the land of the free and the home of the oppressed.

The heroic efforts and deeds of these wives and daughters of the striking miners of Belmont county deserves the praise of the entire working class. Although beaten and mistreated, the spirit of these women never died. They understood the situation as well as the men, and saw that if the working people of this country are going to get results in their demands for decent living conditions, they too must put their shoulders to the wheel and push this drive that will eventually bring the workers and producers a position of equality with the slave drivers and capitalists of this country.

SHARP.

MINERS IN NEED OF TENTS, FOOD

Widow and Children Suffer

PITTSBURGH, April 30.—"We're going to fight like hell and you've got to send us tents while we beat the operators"—is the talk brought in both by mail and by word of mouth to Pittsburgh from the unorganized fields of West Virginia.

"About houses, we don't have to be so particular in the Spring," writes a coal miner of Beech Bottom, Ohio. "We can do all right with tents. But get them here quick."

The quarters of the National Miners' Committee (formerly Pennsylvania-Minners Relief Committee) at 611 Penn. Ave., Pittsburgh, is flooded with letters in many languages from both West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania unorganized territories, in which mine workers, some of whom do not sign their names, declare that they intend to show that they are as good Union men as any. The blight of John L. Lewis' treason to the organized miners in leaving them out of the settlement in 1922 is at in many communications.

Fayette county, one of which is "It ain't us that is scabs," says John Lewis. We will show you that we can strike and we will be the heart of the organized miners, give us a chance."

Organized Not Asked to Join Union

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

SAN DIEGO, Cal., (By Mail.)—The following incident, related to me by a fellow worker who at one time worked for Sidney Scott, a general contractor, is a good example of the incompetent officialdom of the American Federation of Labor.

Non-Union Men

While the laborers were working in the basement of a home being erected for E. Maiss, a union musician at 909 Suther Street, the business agent of the A. F. of L. local came to the job and asked Maiss why he did not hire union men. Maiss answered that he did not know whether the workers were union men or not, but they were doing well enough to suit him. Furthermore, he said that he had not hired them, and that he would have to see Scott, the contractor.

To make a long story short and get to the important part of it, the business agent pleaded with the man that had charge of the job to discharge these men. He promised that he would supply union men who would do more work and

Socialist Plea for Funds Sent on Yellow Paper

(By a Worker Correspondent)

I received a very interesting letter this morning which, altho many others have received it, I should like to make a few remarks about. It is a letter from the Jewish Verband, formerly the Jewish Federation, the central body of the local socialist party, (Jewish Section). They are inaugurating a "One-Dollar Drive" to support the socialist party.

Reorganized Verband
You recall, no doubt, that when the left wing of the socialist party broke away to form the Workers (Communist) Party, the vast majority of the Federation quit the socialist party. The entire thing was then reorganized and the socialist Verband was brought into being. Now, in dire need of funds, (perhaps Hillquit has not as much money as he used to have.) they send forth an appeal.

The most peculiar thing about the letter is that it is printed on yellow paper and the return envelope is also yellow. How appropriate! That must have been Vladek's suggestion. Heaven bless the dear child! May he and the other guys in his clique live to see the application cards (if they still need them) also on yellow paper, with the stars and stripes as emblem on top. Then they won't be fakers any more. They will openly proclaim that they are the misleaders that the Communist Party has said they are.

K. M.

\$16 IS WAGE OF CAFE WORKERS

Men Hounded From Lunch to Job

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

The Ideal Cafeteria is located at Fourth Ave. and E. 23rd St. It is open day and night. About 25 workers are employed in this establishment. All of the workers work 12 hours per day.

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The speed up system is in full force. You are not allowed to sit down and rest up even for one moment. You are supposed to get one half hour for lunch. They seldom get it. Most of the workers are forced to get back to work as soon as they finish their meal.

You mustn't eat too much food for a meal. If you do, you are told to eat less. These terrible conditions not only prevail in this restaurant, but in all non-union establishments. If you come a few minutes late, you lose your job. Without a union the restaurant workers can never receive better treatment and more pay. Restaurant workers, your place is in the union. Join the Amalgamated Food Workers Union and help us to better our conditions on the job. By helping us you are at the same time helping yourself. Now is the time. It is never too late.

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MACHINE FORCES OUT 500 WORKERS

Iron Ore Miners Face Unemployment

(Special to The Daily Worker)

DULUTH, Minn., April 30.—Labor saving machinery is displacing men at a hitherto unprecedented rate. One iron ore machine now does the work previously done by 500 workers. A short time ago 20,000 men were employed in the iron ore mine of northern Minnesota. At the present time there are only 10,000 and before the end of the year the number will have diminished to perhaps 9,000 or 7,000.

Huge steam and electric shovels are doing the work of "hands." The largest shovel in operation weighs 250 tons and handles from eight to nine cubic yards of earth and ore at one time, a task which requires 500 men to perform.

Full time operation of the ore mines is due to begin at the beginning of May. The first vessels leave Lake Superior docks. Last year 52,500,000 tons of iron ore were mined in this district.

better work than the present men were doing. Now, the business agent did not ask these men to join the union. That would have been the correct thing to do, for undoubtedly they would have joined the union.

It is time that the rank and file discharged these little, narrow, selfish-minded officials, who do their best for their own benefit and for the benefit of tiny cliques within the union, while in reality they are hitting their heads against the stone wall of the millions of unorganized men.



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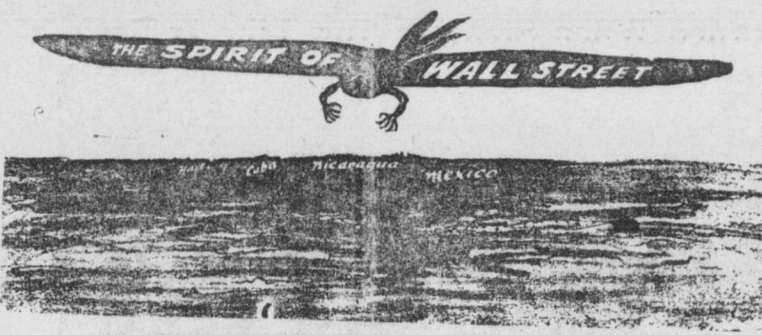
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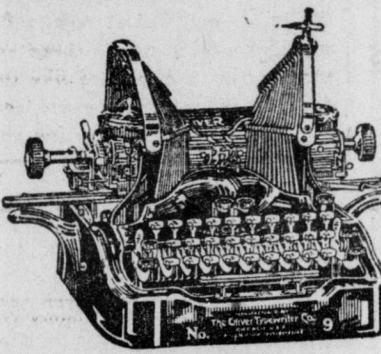
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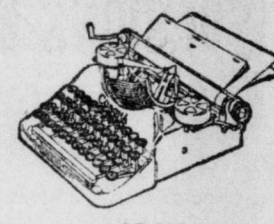
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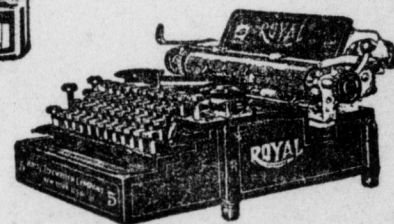
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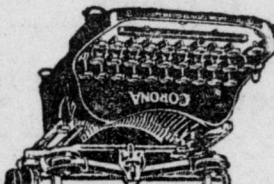
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Relief on Way, Diaz Tells Men

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 30.—Asserting that MacMahon and Paddy, the officials of the American Federation of Textile Operatives, are preparing to sell out the strikers and their struggle by a peace pact with the textile mill bosses, Fred E. Beal, organizer of the Textile Mill Committees, has called upon the strikers to unify their ranks and meet the treason of their "leaders" with a firm front and a militant spirit.

The speaker addressed a meeting of over 400 striking textile workers, gathered in the big South End headquarters of the Textile Mill Committees at South First St. and Potomaska. More than one hundred new members joined the organization during the meeting.

Beal refused to be intimidated by the statement of the bosses that the Textile Mill Committees are "outsiders." "We are proud that they call us outsiders," he declared, "it means we are outside with the workers, not inside with the bosses."

William T. Murdoch, general secretary of the Textile Mill Committees, John Porter, organizer of the Wamsutta Mill, and Arthur Diaz, secretary of the Relief Committee, also addressed the men.

"The Workers International Relief will rally the workers all over the country to raise funds to keep us fighting," Diaz, who spoke in Portuguese, declared. He stated that a number of special organizers are coming to New Bedford to see that the local committee has the necessities of life for distribution to the striking textile workers.

After the general meeting, the workers of the Paige and Kilburn mills met to elect their executive committees and their representatives to the strike and relief committees.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 30.—Children of the striking textile workers have applied for permission to be organized into a club. Under the direction of Fred E. Beal, organizer of the Textile Mill Committees, the group is being formed.

EXPULSIONS BY LEWIS SPURNED

By a Mine Worker of Grassy Island Local 1672.

At our meeting on April 26 a letter was read by the secretary from the International Executive Board telling us that John L. Lewis and his henchmen expelled the members of our union and that they expelled one from our local, Stanley Dziengielewski.

Our president, Joseph Sheplika, who is a well-known bosses' henchman and who would do anything that the bosses tell him, even if the boss told him to dance he would do so, entertained a motion that one of the tools of the machine made to expel our Brother Stanley Dziengielewski. But the membership of the whole local union was on its feet immediately, raising hell, hollering:

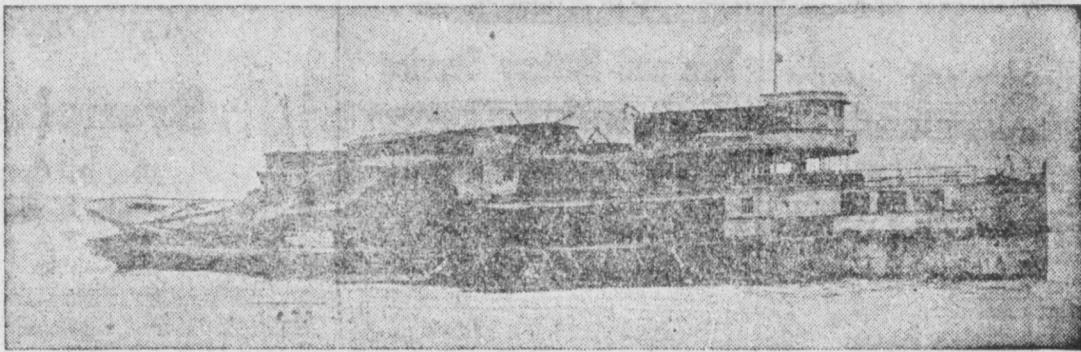
"Throw him out," "Hit him on the head with a chair," that is they were hollering against the chairman.

Then everything quieted down and the chair did not want to recognize Stanley Dziengielewski as he said that he was expelled. Immediately the meeting was thrown into an uproar again and the chair was forced to recognize Brother Dziengielewski.

Brother Dziengielewski then requested that the local union arrange a debate on the question of the Save-the-Union policy between himself and John L. Lewis, or any of his henchmen. Then the local union elected a committee of six to arrange a big special meeting of the local union and to proceed to invite John L. Lewis to come down, they entirely disregarded the expulsion of Brother Dziengielewski.

We miners must watch because President Joseph Sheplika is working hand in hand with John L. Lewis, Rinaldo Cappellini and the coal company and J. Pettigrew, company boss. We brothers know what the Save-the-Union Committee stands for and who Stanley Dziengielewski is. We know that Stanley was expelled from the local union before and we know that the International Board was forced to readmit him to the local union. Now we must also see that the International Board takes him back and also we must not allow the president to pull any tricks over on us. If our president of the local union or any of his henchmen try to do this, we must turn them out of office. We must run our own local union.

Three Seamen Are Drowned When Steamer Tow Line Is Broken



The lives of three seamen, members of the crew of the steamer "South Shore" were added to the long list of victims sacrificed while on the job. The men were drowned when they tried to launch a lifeboat after the steamer broke its tow line in a wild gale as it was being towed from New York to Baltimore.

Workers Party Activities

Section 4 Attention!

All members of Section 4 should report to their respective headquarters today for participation in the May Day demonstration.

Spanish Fraction Meeting

The Spanish Fraction will hold its regular meeting tomorrow. All members are urged to be present as very important matters will be taken up for discussion.

May Day Tickets

Tickets for the May Day celebration at Madison Square Garden are now ready at the district office for distribution, and can also be obtained thru section organizers. Comrades who can dispose of tickets are urged to get them at once.

To Unit Organizers

Unit organizers should call for collection lists for the Workers Center Building fund at 24-28 Union Square or 108 E. 14th St.

Women's Councils

At least two members from each council must be present at Madison Square Garden no later than 12 o'clock today to help decorate the women's section of the Garden.

Women's May Day Plans

All members of the United Council of Workingclass Women are to meet at 50th St. near Eighth Ave. at 2 p.m. today in order that they may enter the celebration in a body.

Night Workers Take Notice!

The regular meeting of the Night Workers Branch will take place on MONDAY afternoon instead of Tuesday. Be sure and attend this meeting as preparations for May Day will be taken up.

Subsection 3C Meet.

An executive meeting of Subsection

3C will be held tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at 101 W. 27th St.

Subsection 1D.

The International Branch of Subsection 1D will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. at 60 St. Marks Place.

The Upper Bronx Open Forum

The Upper Bronx Section, Young Workers League will hold an open forum Sunday at 8 p. m. at 1472 Boston Road. The subject will be "Youth in Politics." Dancing will follow.

Tipping Ferryboat Results In 3 Dead

Due to legal technicalities, the family of Montague C. Shepherd, who was drowned when washed overboard from the bow of the Staten Island ferryboat Bronx recently, is unable to collect the insurance, it was learned yesterday. This is a result of the Tammany Hall administration refusing to admit officially that any lives were lost.

In addition to Shepherd, the other victims of Tammany Hall carelessness are Nicholas Sylvestro and Anthony Dolci. None of the three bodies has been recovered. Two other passengers were washed overboard and were rescued by mem-

Washington Bakers Have Won Increase

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The 500 bakery wagon drivers organized in Local 33 of the Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs have signed an agreement with several of the biggest baking firms. The new rate will be \$40 weekly. The union originally demanded \$42.50 in place of the old rate of \$38 a week.

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A report recently issued indicated that the seven-hour day has not only directly benefited the workers by a shorter working day, but has resulted in an increased output and a more effective utilization of machinery.

A three-shift system has been introduced with a seven-hour day.

Labor and Fraternal News

"Rebel Poets Night"

"Rebel Poets Night" will be held at the Labor Temple, 14th St. and Second Ave., tonight at 8:15. The program will be under the supervision of Anton Rantolika, director of the Labor Temple Poetry Forum.

Labor Unity Agents

The May issue of Labor Unity is out. All Labor Unity agents call at the T. U. E. L. office and see Guskoff.

Food Workers in May Day Meet.

Amalgamated Food Workers Union, Local 134, has called on its members to take part in the May Day demonstration today at Madison Square Garden.

Downtown I. L. D.

The annual entertainment and dance of the edowntown International Labor Defense Branch will be held on Saturday evening, May 19th, at 85 E. 2nd St., corner 2nd Ave.

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